NATION

# Anti-gay rights measures on ballots in only 2 states

## Colorado ruling deters Michigan group

Associated Press

Groups hoping to pass anti-homosexual rights initiatives in 10 states this year have fallen short of their goals, gathering enough signatures to get measures on ballots in only two states.

Several days of reckoning came last week in what has become a battle between gays and the conservatives who are backing initiatives to deny what they call special rights for homosexuals.

Supporters of such measures failed to file signed petitions in Missouri and Washington state on Friday but did submit enough signatures to qualify for the ballots in Idaho and Oregon.

More than 250,000 petition signatures were due Monday in Michigan, the last of the 10 states where ballot language has been filed. But George Matousek of the Michigan Family Values Committee, which started the petition drive, said the effort had been put on hold because the wording was identical to a Colorado initiative that was declared unconstitutional by a Denver District Court judge. Matousek said the group will suspend its efforts until a ruling is issued on an appeal in the Colorado case.

Earlier, efforts toward ballot initiatives fizzled in Arizona, Florida, Maine, Nevada and Ohio.

David Smith of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force expressed relief that few of the measures had garnered enough support. But he said he expected efforts on other fronts.

Arthur Kropp, president of People for the American Way, a liberal group, noted that similar measures are showing up in state legislatures and before town councils and library boards.

Tom Minnery, a spokesman for Colorado Springs-based Focus on the Family, a conservative Christian group that assisted initiative supporters in Washington, said he thought the ballot measures had indicated a successful grassroots movement.

"I think they will continue," he said. "I think they represent a strong feeling that people support constitutional rights but not special rights."

The Oregon Citizens Alliance, led by Lon Mabon, submitted 120,000 signatures Friday, about 30,000 more than needed to get its measure on the ballot.

On July 6, a day before petition signatures were due in Idaho, the Idaho Citizens Alliance submitted 38,510 verified signatures of registered voters, about 6,000 more than required to put the initiative on the ballot in November. An additional 17,000 signatures were not certified.

Suzanne Goldberg, a lawyer with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said her group would fight the ballot measures, first by challenging petition signatures. Lambda is leading the gay community's fight against Colorado's Amendment 2, a 1992 initiative that would bar state and local governments from prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. Amendment 2 was the model for measures proposed in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Michigan and Nevada.

# Conference stresses good dads need to be good husbands first

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Men who want to be good fathers need to be good husbands.

That was one message Monday from "Family Re-Union III," a conference on fatherhood featuring Vice President Al Gore, Jesse Jackson, country singer Garth Brooks and Kent Amos, who has raised 87 adoptees. Another message: Being a dad requires sacrifices.

Gore, who has three daughters and a son, didn't run for president in 1992 because he wanted to spend more time with his family after his son was struck by a car. And Brooks stayed away from the Academy of Country Music Awards on May 3, where he was named top entertainer, to attend the birth of his second daughter.

A third message: Children look up to their parents.

"Little boys want to be like their daddies, even if they're in jail," said Jackson, who has three daughters and two sons.

For Tipper Gore's husband, being a good husband is a prerequisite for being a good father.

"Successful fatherhood first and foremost involves taking care of your marriage or your relationship," Gore said.

Amos, of the Urban Family Institute in Washington, talked of raising 87 adoptees.

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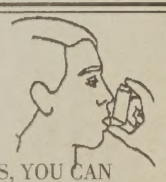

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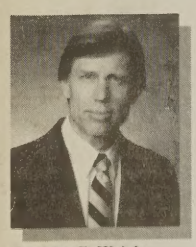
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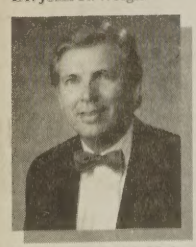
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## Shielded by soldiers

**Young boys sit near French soldiers at a Tutsi refugee camp in western Rwanda on Monday. About 80 French soldiers protect the more than 1,000 refugees at the hilltop camp. High-ranking Hutu officers issued a statement Monday condemning the massacres carried out by Hutu extremists since civil war flared anew and calling for talks with Tutsi rebels. But the rebels, who have captured the capital and other key cities, said it was too little too late.**

# Ukrainian vote heralds closer ties with Russia

## Former prime minister scores upset win

Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Leonid Kuchma was declared the upset winner of Ukraine's presidential runoff Monday and promised to turn his country into a bridge between Russia and the West.

Kuchma's triumph was not just a personal victory but a gain for Russia. He has campaigned on a platform advocating closer relations with Moscow, which is reasserting its influence throughout the former Soviet Union.

**Kuchma: Has vowed to stop economic woes.**

The Central Election Commission said Kuchma won more than 52 percent of the vote Sunday; the incumbent, Leonid Kravchuk, got 45 percent. Kuchma, 55, will be sworn in July 19 in Parliament.

Ukraine's economic crisis and ties with Russia were the focus of the campaign. Both candidates said they favor free-market reforms, which Ukraine has been slow to adopt. Since the 1991 Soviet collapse, the resource-rich nation of 53 million people has suffered long bouts of hyperinflation and chronic power shortages.

Kuchma, who headed the world's largest Yuzhmash missile factory before serving as prime minister from October 1992 to September 1993, has promised to stop Ukraine's economic decline. He advocates economic union with Russia as the first step to boosting the economy. Kravchuk, a former Communist boss, has said his reforms were blocked by Ukraine's hard-line Parliament.

Voters in Ukraine split almost exactly along the Dnipro River. Kravchuk, as expected, carried the nationalist west while Kuchma won the industrialized, heavily Russian east and south along with key swing regions in central Ukraine.

Kravchuk, 60, entered the campaign with a marginal lead in opinion polls. Lauded in the West for his decision to dismantle Ukraine's huge share of the Soviet nuclear arsenal, he presented himself as a respected statesman.

In first-round balloting June 26, Kravchuk and Kuchma finished far ahead in a field of seven candidates. Kravchuk received 38 percent to 31 percent for Kuchma in that round.

But Kuchma capitalized on Ukraine's economic woes. He has blamed Kravchuk for isolating Ukraine economically by cutting ties with Moscow too hastily and has demanded more financial aid from the West in return for nuclear disarmament.

## BRIEFING

**Arafat bids farewell to Tunisia:** Yasser Arafat, going home a political leader after 27 years in exile as a guerrilla commander, said Monday he would not rest until an independent Palestinian state is established with its capital in Jerusalem.

Arafat, president of the new Palestinian National Authority established under a peace accord with Israel, spoke to about 1,000 Tunisian dignitaries who bid him farewell.

"We will continue this struggle until the Palestinian flag will fly over all the Palestinian land and an independent Palestinian state is set up with Jerusalem as its capital," Arafat told the crowd at Tunisia's presidential palace in Tunis. "It is a difficult battle."

It is also anathema to Israel, which considers Jerusalem its indivisible capital. Most ministries and the Parliament are in west Jerusalem. The Israelis captured East Jerusalem in the 1967 Middle East War, when they also took the Gaza Strip and West Bank.

In Jerusalem on Monday, Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur stood on a hill overlooking an Arab village and vowed Israel would go on expanding the Jewish presence in Jerusalem.

**Violence flares in southern Lebanon:** An Israeli gunboat killed two suspected guerrilla frogmen off Lebanon's southern coast, and Israeli warplanes later attacked Shiite Muslim rebel bases, wounding seven.

Civilians worried the clashes could foreshadow a surge in fighting in southern Lebanon before U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher's planned Middle East trip next week. Christopher hopes to get peace talks restarted between Israel and Syria.

Syria accused Israel on Monday of deliberately heating up tensions to undermine Christopher's visit and impede the 3-year-old Middle East peace talks.

Israel said one of its gunboats intercepted two divers late Sunday who were apparently trying to sneak into the north to carry out an attack. Sources at the U.N. peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon reported machine-gun fire and flares off Tyre.

At midmorning Monday, security sources said two Israeli jets fired four rockets at bases used by Iranian-financed Hezbollah guerrillas in Sohmor and Ein el-Tineh in the Bekaa Valley.

**U.S. agrees to French claim of AIDS-test royalties:** Hoping to end a dispute over development of an AIDS test, U.S. health officials agreed Monday to give more of the patent royalties to France and acknowledged a virus isolated in France was used to invent the test.

Under terms that revise a 1987 agreement, the French Pasteur Institute will receive millions of dollars more from the jointly held patent on an AIDS virus test used worldwide.

The pact acknowledged officially for the first time that the laboratory of American scientist Robert Gallo developed the AIDS test using a virus that had been isolated by a team headed by Luc Montagnier at the Pasteur Institute.

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# Protestant spokesman slain on eve of key Irish observance

Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Gunmen assassinated a hard-line Protestant spokesman Monday and riddled a politician's home with bullets in attacks aimed at those loyal to British rule in Northern Ireland.

Coming on the eve of the most tension-filled date on the Northern Ireland calendar, the attacks seemed likely to incite Protestant retaliation against the province's Roman Catholic minority.

Each July 12, Protestants commemorate the 1690 Battle of the Boyne, when a Protestant army under King William III of England routed the Catholic forces of King James II in the Boyne River valley south of Belfast. Eighty-thousand to 100,000 Protestants are expected to march throughout the province today.

The Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility for killing Ray Smallwoods, a former Ulster Defense Association member who often said he had left his violent past behind him. He was shot when he left his home in Lisburn, 12 miles southwest of Belfast.

Last year, Smallwoods became leader of the tiny Ulster Democratic Party, considered the legal mouthpiece for the outlawed Ulster Defense Association. The 10,000-member paramilitary organization frequently targets Catholics.

Monday's slaying came a few hours after gunmen fired 20 to 40 bullets into the home of an outspoken loyalist in Britain's Parliament, the Rev. William McCrea. There were no injuries.

# Algeria gunmen execute seven more foreigners

Associated Press

Algeria — Last week, the victims were seven Italian sailors, their throats slit in the night. On Monday, it was the turn of five East European technicians forced out of a bus, told to kneel, then shot.

Suspected Muslim fundamentalist militants also killed two workers from the former Yugoslavia and two Algerian colleagues as they were eating in a fashionable restaurant Monday. In separate shootings, two leading Algerian education officials also were gunned down.

The deaths raised to 51 the number of foreigners slain in the escalation of a campaign by Muslim fundamentalists against the government.

Foreigners were declared a target in September in an effort to deprive the government of technical expertise crucial to Algeria's oil- and gas-based economy. Roughly half the foreigners in Algeria a year ago have left.

The attacks have struck hard at countries maintaining strong trade links with Algeria, including Russia, Italy and France.

In the first attack Monday, gunmen posing as police stopped a bus belonging to the state-owned Sonatrach oil company at a roadblock in the Algiers suburb of Oued Ouchay.

Accounts conflicted on the nationalities of the five men killed, who were on contract with Sonatrach. Security officials said there were four Russians and one Romanian while other authorities said they included one Russian, two Belarussians, a Ukrainian and a Romanian.

In the second attack, assailants sprayed gunfire at a restaurant inside the Algiers zoo, killing two technicians from the former Yugoslavia and two Algerian colleagues from the state-owned Hydra-Elektra company.

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